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1. On 18 August 1950 only a few soldiers were observed in the two barracks on the northern side of Walterhauserstrasse, Gotha (M 51/J 06). They wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, under the command of an officer, constructed a telephone line leading from the western barracks to the eastern barracks.

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2. The Krahnberg (hill) northwest of Gotha was placed off limits on 18 August 1950. Reports of machine guns and artillery pieces were heard from there. **

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Comment: [redacted] the soldiers in Gotha belonged to a component unit of the 21st Gds Meez Div. However, the last reports from Gotha stated that all barracks installations in the city were occupied by VP units. See [redacted] It is believed that the soldiers belonged to component units of the 21st Gds Meez Div at the Ohrdruf-Kindel troop training grounds or were staying in the barracks installation only temporarily.

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- ** Comment:** The area around the Krahnberg is part of the Ohrdruf troop training ground.

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